

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A plurality of positive electrode plates and negative  
electrode plates are stacked alternately upon one another with  
intervening separators therebetween, wherein lateral edges of  
the positive electrode plates protrude beyond the negative  
electrode plates on one side, and lateral edges of the negative  
electrode plates protrude beyond the group of positive  
electrode plates on the opposite side. Collector plates are  
10 brought in tight contact with respective lateral edges of the  
positive and negative electrode plates, and heat is applied to  
the collector plate on an opposite surface of the electrode  
plates from a non-contact type heat source at several locations  
in lines along a direction in which the electrode plates are  
15 stacked.